

**In the claims:**

**Claims 1-67 (Cancelled).**

68. (Original) A bracket for securing a truss to a base having a generally planar upper surface to thereby provide resistance to uplifting forces exerted on the truss surface, said bracket comprising a pair of substantially perpendicular attachment faces interconnected by a pair of substantially perpendicular chord engaging faces, one of said attachment faces being adapted to overlie a substantially vertical web attachment face of a truss chord member for attachment thereto, the other of said attachment faces being adapted to overlie the generally planar upper surface of said base for attachment thereto.

69. (Original) A bracket for mutually securing a first truss and a second truss abutting said first truss, said bracket comprising:

- a first back plate adapted to overlie the leg of a portion of a chord member of a first truss adjacent an abutting truss;

- a second back plate extending laterally from the abutting truss side of the first back plate, said second back plate being adapted to overlie the leg of a portion of a chord member of said abutting truss adjacent said first truss;

- a first attachment portion extending from the upper edge of said first back plate, said first attachment portion having a minor portion extending outward from said first back plate and a major portion substantially parallel to said first back plate, said major portion being adapted to overlie a portion of a web member of said first truss for

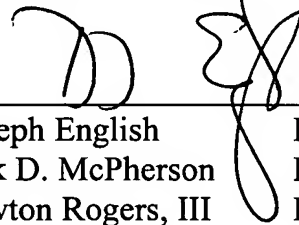
attachment thereto; and

a second attachment portion extending from the upper edge of said second back plate, said second attachment portion having a minor portion extending outward from said second back plate and a major portion substantially parallel to said second back plate, said major portion being adapted to overlies a portion of a web member of said abutting truss for attachment thereto.

70. (Original) The bracket of Claim 69 wherein said second back plate is substantially perpendicular to said first back plate.

71. (Original) The bracket of Claim 69 wherein said second back plate extends at an oblique angle from said first back plate.

Respectfully submitted,



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